



WAITING ON GOD

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Recently I received an email from a young lady who had various conditions and wanted to be healed immediately. She did not want a partial healing, but an immediate full healing.

The Holy Spirit made it clear to me that in order to receive her healing she had to consider such matters as unforgiveness, honouring her parents and not putting God first in her life, etcetera. She responded saying that she wanted to be healed immediately. She said she had not come to me for counselling, but for healing and she could not see why she could not be immediately healed.

She was not prepared to listen to what the Holy Spirit was saying. She just wanted immediate action from God, regardless of the fact that her sins could be separating her from God. Obviously in her state of mind, I could not help her.

Isaiah 40:31 says;
"But those who wait on the Lord
Shall renew their strength;
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
They shall run and not be weary,
They shall walk and not faint."

We need to be patient and persevere with our prayers. God does hear us and He will answer in His time. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever and as we wait upon Him He brings us peace.

Before He went to the cross some of His final words were as follows; "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27.)

When He rose from the dead, and appeared to His disciples. His words were "Peace to you!" (John 20:21.)

Our faith can be severely tried as we wait upon God for a response. My mother prayed for me for salvation from when I was nine years of age until she died when I was aged 25. She never saw me saved, but she never failed to pray for me daily.

It was 22 years later that I gave my life to the Lord. By then I had a desire in my heart to find God. I knew my marriage was failing and although I went to church I had no relationship with Jesus Christ. However, God was never far from my mind. Finally I went to a meeting where I saw the power of God and gave my life to Christ.

It was then that Psalm 40:1-3 came alive to me.

"I waited patiently for the Lord;
And He inclined to me,
And heard my cry.
He also brought me up out of a horrible pit,
Out of the miry clay,
And set my feet upon a rock,
And established my steps.
He has put a new song in my mouth –
Praise to our God;
Many will see it and fear,
And will trust in the Lord."
(Psalm 40:1-3.)

He certainly brought my feet out of the miry clay and set me upon a rock, established my steps and put a new song in my mouth.

Maybe you are praying for a loved one who does not seem to be responding to God. Maybe you are believing for your healing which does not seem to be happening.

However God does hear us.

**"I sought the Lord, and He heard me,
And delivered me from all my fears.
This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard him,
And saved him out of all his troubles."
(Psalm 34:4 and 6)**

**"The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
And His ears are open to their cry.
The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears,
And delivers them out of all their troubles."
(Psalm 34:15 and 17.)**

David was sorely tried. King Saul constantly tried to kill him, and although he had the opportunity on at least one occasion of killing Saul himself, he refused to do so. David's faith was so strong in God that He would answer his prayers, no matter how long He took to do so. He was prepared to wait on God which is reflected in this Psalm that he wrote.

"My soul, wait silently for God alone,
For my expectation is from Him.
He only is my rock and my salvation;
He is my defense;
I shall not be moved.
In God is my salvation and my glory;
The rock of my strength,
And my refuge, is in God."
(Psalm 62:5-7.)

I have walked with the Lord now for many years. Throughout that time I have been waiting for the day when He will take me into glory. In the meantime, as I have preached the Gospel to many people, I have always known Him to be at my side.

I have seen the tribulation that produces perseverance and the perseverance that produces character and the character that produces hope. This hope does not disappoint because the love of God has been poured into my heart by the Holy Spirit who was given to me. (Romans 5:3-5.)

We must keep our eyes fixed on the Lord. We must be prepared to wait for His timing in answering our prayers, but He will always do so. It may not be exactly what we have asked for but He is all knowing and has our best interests at heart.

"Trust in the Lord, and do good;
Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.
Delight yourself also in the Lord,
And He shall give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the Lord,
Trust also in Him,
And He shall bring it to pass.
He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light,
And your justice as the noonday.
Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him;
Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way,
Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass."
(Psalm 37:3-7.)

"Wait on the Lord,
And keep His way,
And He shall exalt you to inherit the land;
When the wicked are cut off, you shall see it."
(Psalm 37:34.)

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